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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The applicant has cancelled claim 22. Pending claims 1-21 and 23-26 are examined below.

#### ***Double Patenting***

The double patenting rejection of the previous office action stands. The applicant has submitted a terminal disclaimer dated 11/5/07 in response to the double patenting rejection of the previous office action. Upon approval, the double patenting rejection of the previous action will be removed.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7, 14-19, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent no. 3,011,586 to Harvey Jr.

Regarding claims 1, 5, 6, 14, 17, and 21-23, Harvey discloses the method of assembling and use of a foldable truss including a plurality of side members (20,30) each including an elongate support (21,22,31,32) having side surfaces, a bridging member (33,34,35), (23,24,25) (45,55) having extensions (26) at opposite ends thereof, a plurality of hinges (36,46,56) and at least one latching (linking) member (fig. 3: 60). In

reference to claim 5, the latching member (60) is fixedly attached to the hinges (see the bottom of figure 2). In reference to claims 22 and 23, the side members (20,30) are rotated to a folded and unfolded position wherein in the unfolded position, the latching members (60) are attached thereto by indentation members (63).

Regarding claim 2, Harvey discloses the bridging members making a sawtooth pattern (fig. 5).

Regarding claim 3, Harvey discloses the latching member as engagable with the peaks of the bridging members (fig. 2: see bridging member attached onto truss).

Regarding claim 4, Harvey discloses a support member (66) on the latching member.

Regarding claim 7, Harvey discloses the latching linkage (60) as having two portions (sides with 68), each part being inherently rotatable to the truss (see 63 & 68, requiring rotation for engagement) and a pivot between sections (see sleeves attached to 66 and opposite 68).

Regarding claims 15, 16, Harvey discloses the latching means as attached to the hinge means (fig. 2), and having indentations (63) engagable to the side members means (fig. 2).

Regarding claim 18, Harvey discloses the linking means (60) as having a pair of pivot bars (61, 62) rotatable and attachable to the truss, and the other end of the bars contains a latching means (opposite 63) which latches to the truss and prevents rotation of the truss.

Regarding claim 19, Harvey discloses the pivot latching means (fig. 3: left side 63) as inherently rotatable and attached to the ends of the pivot bars (61).

Regarding claim 24, Harvey discloses the method of unfolding the truss as in the rejection of claim 1. In addition, Harvey discloses the pivot bars (61, 62) attached to the truss, rotatably pivoted and latched to the opposite side of the truss to secure it from movement. The pivot latching member (fig. 3: opposite side of first end).

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 21, 23 are allowed.

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 8-13, 20, 25, 26, is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 11/5/07 have been fully considered but they are moot under new grounds of rejections.

#### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Basil Katcheves whose telephone number is

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(571) 272-6846. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's /Basil Katcheves/

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